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TO Chief of Base, Bonn

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FROM Chief, EE

Info: COS, Germany  
 COS, Pullach

SUBJECT | GENERAL Operational/CAUSA/CAVATA  
 | SPECIFIC Proposed trip to the U.S.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** For consideration in planning trips of liaison contacts to the U.S.

1. We were sorry to hear about the last minute cancellation of CAUSA's trip. Hard-to-get travel, hotel, and social reservations had to be cancelled, including a dinner with such dignitaries as Sherman Adams, Robert Murphy, Gordon Gray and others. Aschen was prepared to roll out the red carpet and CAUSA's trip to Washington would certainly have been a memorable one. As you may know, this is the second time that CAUSA's plans changed shortly before departure and while the reasons in both cases were understandable, such cancellations naturally strain our credit with the various authorities whose cooperation is essential to make these liaison trips the success we would like to see.

2. The preparations for CAUSA's trip brought forth some interesting details about OMACID's ability to handle a project of this kind. Based on your cables we were proceeding on the assumption that all necessary arrangements would be made by OMACID, such as securing reservations, providing interpreters, arranging for a suitable schedule, etc. with KEMARK's role limited to some briefings and social entertainment. When we received your cable giving his firm arrival date it developed that OMACID had not made any preparations nor were they in a position to do very much. There was nothing in the OMACID traffic to suggest that OMACID had any obligations in connection with CAUSA's trip, except perhaps to talk to him while he was here. As it happened, through KEMARK machinery we were able to make the necessary arrangements even on this very short notice to take care at least of the first part of his visit. The lesson is that we must have a very firm understanding with OMACID on who does what and on your end you must see to it that your understanding with the OMACID people is reflected in the official traffic to their Headquarters. It would also be helpful if a more detailed indication could be given of what the traveller would like to do. In CAUSA's case, for example, it was stated that he wanted to see Aberdeen.

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It was not clear whether he was specifically interested in the Ordnance Proving Ground, or in the training of German officers in the U.S. or whether he merely wanted to see a big Army installation. Was Aberdeen his suggestion or ours? The same applies to the two universities that were on the schedule. Did he specifically want to see those two schools or just two famous places of learning?

3. As you know, Pullach Base has had considerable experience in scheduling the visit of German officials. If CAUSA's trip is to be undertaken under EUBARK auspices I would like to suggest that we stick as closely as possible to the procedures developed for UJIRACO. If, on the other hand, ODACID assumes the primary responsibility then I believe that the ODACID procedures should be complied with fully and the trip should be scheduled and arranged within the framework of the regular exchange program. In the latter case EUBARK could well provide some additional spending money and we could arrange with ODACID for extending the Washington part of the visit by a day or two to accommodate briefings by and meetings with EUBARK personnel.

4. The suggestion that CAUSA come here early in January 1957 was turned down because Washington may be a bit slow to get back to work after the holidays, because of the need to clear up the backlog which accumulates during the holiday season and because some of the people CAUSA would want to see will be busy with the inauguration of the President and the opening of Congress. A somewhat later date would be much better.

5. In this connection it seems to us that it might be desirable to combine CAUSA's trip with that of Von Lax and the CAVATA President. We planned to discuss with CAUSA the problems of CAVATA along the lines of [ ] recent memoranda. Such a combined trip would give us ample opportunity to impress on CAUSA our views on CAVATA and it may also raise the prestige of CAVATA to have their chief travel in such exalted company. From a purely selfish point of view we can handle much easier one visit of three or four than two visits of one or two each. There may be good reasons against having CAUSA travel with any other individual but we would like you to give serious consideration to the suggestion.

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